



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Tucson Fire Department**

**Fire Chief Dan Newburn**



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Contact: Captain Trish Tracy  
Public Information Office

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### **Ward 6 – House Fire – 600 Block of N. Erin Avenue**

April 23, 2008

Dispatch time – 1418

On-scene time – 1421

Under control time – 1435

A neighbor called 911 when he noticed smoke and flames coming from the front window of this address. Seven units and 21 firefighters arrived on scene to find 3 dogs inside the residence. Firefighters rescued the dogs and a neighbor assisted by ensuring they were secured on leashes. The fire was controlled in 14 minutes with fire damage estimated at \$100,000. This family of 4 will be staying with relatives until repairs are completed.

Safety Message #1: The owner had recently purchased a smoke detector and had not yet installed it. This is an excellent reminder for all of us. Smoke detectors do save lives. Make sure that you have at least one working smoke detector in the sleeping area of your home.

Safety Message #2: The 3 dogs could have exited through the doggy door, but they did not. These dogs did what children sometimes do in a fire situation. They tried to hide from the fire. Prepare your children by developing an escape plan and practicing that plan. It should include having two ways out of every room in your home. Make sure that everyone meets at the “meeting place”, outside your home, after exiting.

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